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and the Examiner has cited no other basis for rejection of claims 1, 4, 8, 9, and 18-20, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4, 8, 9, and 18-20 are allowable over the art of record.

In addition, since claims 5-7 and 10-16 stand rejected over the primary reference Ouy as modified by Kumar et al. and the primary reference is removed from consideration, the Kumar et al reference is inadequate by itself to show, teach or make obvious Applicant's novel invention as presented in the claims. Since the Examiner has cited no other basis for rejection of claims5-7 and 10-16, it is respectfully submitted that claims 5-7 and 10-16 are allowable over the art of record.

Claim 17 stands rejected over the primary reference Quy as modified by Zadrozny et al. and both of these references are removed from consideration. Accordingly claim 17 is allowable.

Accordingly, none of the claims in the application are shown, taught or made obvious by any of the references of record taken singly or in any combination.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is believed that all the claims presently in the application are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested. It is further requested that the claims be allowed and that this application be passed to issue. An early notice of allowance would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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